ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
BUILT IN 1868–1870
THIS STONE CHURCH WAS BUILT LONG AGO WITH HAND-TOOLS AND HAND-LABOR BY A GROUP OF IMMIGRANTS FROM IRELAND WITH HELP FROM THEIR NEIGHBORS.
THE MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION CAME FROM THE LAND NEARBY.
THE STONE IN THE WALLS WAS DRAGGED FROM THE QUARRY BY OXEN.
THE MORTAR TO BIND THE STONES TOGETHER CAME FROM LIMESTONE DRAGGED TO THE SITE AND BURNED ON THE GROUND. THE RAFTERS, SHEETING, SHINGLES, WINDOW FRAMES AND SASHES, THE DOOR AND DOOR FRAME, SEATS, AND LATER THE FLOOR WERE CUT FROM TREES OF THE SURROUNDING FOREST.
AS FIRST USED, THE BUILDING HAD A DIRT FLOOR.
THE TOOLS USED IN BUILDING WERE SIMPLE ONES; THE LABOR WAS GREAT. THE STRUCTURE IS STURDY; IT HAS STOOD 100 YEARS AND WITH CARE WILL STAND MANY MORE.
THE ADDITION ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER WAS BUILT ABOUT
THE TOOLS ARE AT HAND
THIS IS TRULY ONE OF THE MANY BLESSINGS OF THE AGE OF GRACE!
IF THE DOOR IS UNLOCKED, ENTER TO READ ABOUT THE CHURCH AND ITS BEGINNINGS.

Historic St. Patrick Church and Cemetery
Laurie, Mo.

First Catholic Church in Morgan County, built of native stone by settlers. Possibly smallest Catholic Church (seats 80), still used for funerals and special occasions.

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